



FACT SHEET

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM (PHRP)

Support to the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM)

Background

One of the main objectives of the *Protecting Human Rights in Haiti Program (PHR)* implemented by the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) with financial support from USAID/Haiti is to strengthen the administrative and operational capacity of key public institutions and local actors involved in preventing and protecting victims of organized violence and trafficking. Consistent with this approach, PADF initiated a series of diagnosis and assessments of specific GOH institutions including the *Office du Protecteur du Citoyen (OPC)*, the *Institut du Bien-Être Social et de Recherches (IBESR)*, the *Brigade de Protection des Mineurs (BPM)* of the Haitian National Police, and the *National Office for Migration (ONM)* to determine their strengths and weaknesses and tailor its assistance to those institutions.

Activity Description

An assessment of the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM) conducted by the PHR Program revealed that, among others dysfunctions, the institution lacks an adequate and sufficient budget, a solid administrative structure and qualified human resources to fulfill its mandate to protect vulnerable children susceptible to being victims of trafficking, violence, sexual exploitation, servitude and other forms of severe human rights abuses. As a follow-up to this assessment, the PHR Program solicited from the *Académie de Formation et de Perfectionnement des Cadres (AFPEC)* a proposal to implement a program that aims at improving the BPM institutional and organizational capacity as described in the Brigade's strategic plan.

Objective

PADF's support to the BPM through a contract with AFPEC focuses primarily on training the members of this institution to improve their administrative and organizational capacities. The training sessions will also provide them with the necessary skills to draft administrative reports, develop guidelines and put in place a system for documenting and managing cases of children abuses.

Activities

- Organize training sessions for BPM and HNP's officers involved in child protection.
- Draft manuals on training, human resources and equipment management to be used to train current and future agents of the BPM and HNP.
- Conduct an assessment of the activity to guide future interventions.

Target Group

Thirty (30) agents of the BPM and Haitian National Police

Budget

\$ 15,000